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SUBJ: FRENCH SPECULATION CONCERNING US CONTACTS WITH
SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FRENCH JOURNALISTS WERE SPECULATING HERE THAT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE VISIT TO FRANCE OF SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH AND DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS MAI VAN BO WAS TO ENGAGE IN TALKS WITH US REPRESENTATIVES. THE TIMING OF THIS VISIT TOGETHER WITH US STATEMENTS THAT US/VN TALKS WOULD BE HELD SOON LEAD MANY TO JUMP TO THIS CONCLUSION. IN ADDITION, AFP REPORTED FROM HANOI THAT THACH COULD ALSO MEET WITH AMERICANS. FRENCH PRESS HAS NOT YET REPORTED THE SRV DENIAL OF THE AFP REMARKS.
 2. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES, AND HAS REFERRED CALLERS TO STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS THAT ANY CONTACTS WOULD BE LATER IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.
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